**The Epiphany of the Lord - January 6th**.

**Reading 1, *Isaiah 60:1-6***

1 Arise, shine out, for your light has come, and the [glory](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5201) of [Yahweh](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6291) has risen on you. 2 Look! though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples, on you [Yahweh](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6291) is rising and over you his [glory](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5201) can be seen. 3 The nations [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) come to your light and [kings](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6650) to your dawning brightness. 4 Lift up your eyes and look around: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons coming from far away and your daughters being carried on the hip. 5 At this sight you [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) grow radiant, your heart [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) throb and dilate, since the riches of the sea [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; 6 camels in throngs [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) fill your streets, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Saba [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) come, bringing gold and [incense](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6079) and proclaiming Yahweh's praises.

**Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13***

**R. (cf. 11)  Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

1 [Of Solomon] God, endow the king with your own fair judgement, the son of the king with your own saving justice, 2 that he may rule your people with justice, and your poor with fair judgement.

7 In his days uprightness shall flourish, and peace in plenty till the moon is no more. 8 His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the river to the limits of the earth.

10 the [kings](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6650) of Tarshish and the islands [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) pay him tribute. The [kings](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6650) of Sheba and Saba [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) offer gifts; 11 all [kings](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6650) [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) do him homage, all nations become his servants.

12 For he rescues the needy who calls to him, and the poor who has no one to help. 13 He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the needy from death.

**Reading 2, *Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6***

2 You have surely heard the way in which [God](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) entrusted me with the [grace](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5305) he gave me for your sake; 3 he made known to me by a [revelation](https://www.catholic.org/bible/book.php?id=73) the [mystery](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=8298) I have just described briefly- 5 This mystery, as it is now revealed in the [Spirit](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=11004) to his holy [apostles](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=933) and prophets, was unknown to humanity in previous generations: 6 that the [gentiles](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5057) now have the same inheritance and [form](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=4781) the same Body and enjoy the same promise in [Christ](https://www.catholic.org/clife/jesus) [Jesus](https://www.catholic.org/clife/jesus) through the gospel.

**Alleluia** [**Mt 2:2**](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/matthew/2?2)

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel, *Matthew 2:1-12***

1 After [Jesus](https://www.catholic.org/clife/jesus) had been born at [Bethlehem](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=1846) in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, suddenly some wise men came to [Jerusalem](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6304) from the east 2 asking, 'Where is the infant king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' 3 When King [Herod](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5721) heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. 4 He called together all the chief priests and the [scribes](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=10622) of the people, and enquired of them where the [Christ](https://www.catholic.org/clife/jesus) was to be born. 5 They told him, 'At [Bethlehem](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=1846) in Judaea, for this is what the [prophet](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=9674) wrote: 6 And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means the least among the leaders of Judah, for from you [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) come a leader who [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) shepherd my people Israel.' 7 Then [Herod](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5721) summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared 8 and sent them on to [Bethlehem](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=1846) with the words, 'Go and find out all about the child, and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' 9 Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And suddenly the star they had seen rising went forward and halted over the place where the child was. 10 The sight of the star filled them with delight, 11 and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him [gifts](https://www.catholic.org/shopping/?category=10) of gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 But they were given a warning in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.